

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
October 13 2015

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard
Ernie Schank
Karen Baggett
John Capurro
Mike Nevin
Greg Dennis
Ed James
Chuck Roberts
John Enloe

ABSENT:

Gwen Washburn

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Ron Penrose, Superintendent
Dave Wathen, FWM
Charla Honey, City of Reno
Kerri Koski, City of Reno
Staff

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER -

President Westergard called the Regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes for September meeting as corrected, and checks written on Bank of America #93016 - #9324 and Nevada State Bank #2619 - #2627, motion seconded by Director Schank, motion carried.

4. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Dave Wathen, FWM

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.

Truckee River at Farad is 102 cfs of which 40 is fish water coming from Stampede thru Boca. Lake Tahoe is at 6221.85 AF which is 1.15 feet below the natural rim. This is a negative storage of approximately 140,000 AF.

5. UPDATE ON VIRGINIA STREET BRIDGE 408 ENCROACHMENT PERMIT – Kerri Koski, Charla Honey

Ms. Koski made a presentation to the Board as to the status of the Virginia Street Bridge Project; a complete copy of this presentation is available at District Offices.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF RENO FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER THE TRUCKEE RIVER FOR THE VIRGINIA STREET BRIDGE PROJECT WORK AFTER OCTOBER 31, 2015 – Lori Williams

- ❖ Director James made a motion to extend the Encroachment Permit to the City of Reno from November 1, 2015 to the end of June 2015; seconded by Director Baggett; motion carried.

7. DISCUSS AND APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY/TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE RIVER – Ron Penrose

A copy of the Draft for the Emergency/Temporary Protocol for Encroachments into the River

was provided to the Board and is available at District Offices.

Mr. Penrose and Ms. Williams met with USACE Staff just prior to last month's meeting to discuss this and if an emergency event happened in the river could probably be done under a maintenance exemption. This would allow the utility companies to get in the river and do the work. Thus they really do not need an encroachment permit by the District. They could get the work done and communicate directly with the USACE Staff. This would include both the Reno and Sacramento USACE Staff as well as advising the CTWCD they are in the river.

The Protocol document has been revised to state that there is no encroachment permit required by the District that this falls under the maintenance exemption.

Mr. Penrose and Ms. Williams are going to meet with the various utility companies and the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County and talk to them about access into the river. Especially during a flood event if a pipeline rupture, they would need to get in the river and get their work done.

8. DISCUSS RIVERSIDE DRIVE MODEL AND RELATED ISSUES – Lori Williams

Ms. Williams provided the Board a copy of the technical memorandum provided by Dyer Engineering regarding the Manning's "N" Valve Analysis, a complete copy of which is available at District Offices.

This is a follow up to a question from last month's meeting regarding the amount of vegetation that would need to be removed to make the water stay in the channel.

This affirms our belief that the USACE's original model in the Martis Creek Agreement could never have been attained. The next steps are to make sure the City and TRFMA have all of this information. After all parties have the updated information a meeting with the USACE should take place to discuss interim risk reduction plans and the ultimate solution.

Director Schank asked the question that during a flood event does the District have any responsibility to keep the channel clear. Attorney Bergin stated that the District's responsibility is to keep the channel clear before a flood. Superintendent Penrose said that the flood response plan is the responsibility of the City of Reno.

9. DISCUSS ENCROACHMENT MATTERS AND POSSIBLE DISTRICT ACTIONS – Lori Williams

The residents on Idlewild Dr. have moved their deck so it is no longer in the 14000 cfs channel. The resident now needs a letter from the District saying he does not need an encroachment permit because he is now required by the City of Reno to get a building permit.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to approve the letter that has been drafted by Ms. Williams, reviewed by Attorney Bergin and signed by President Westergard to the resident on Idlewild Dr. stating he does not need an encroachment permit from the District; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

10. DISCUSS 2015 DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK AND ASSOCIATED ENTRY PERMITS/LICENSES – Lori Williams

The City made substantial changes to the entry permit. They are now requiring the District provide them with certificates of additional insured.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to approve the entry permit as modified; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

11. DISCUSS AND APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CARSON RIVER & TRUCKEE RIVER CLEARING AND SNAGGING FUND PROJECTS – Ed James & Lori Williams

Director James has spoken with the Carson Valley Conservation District and the Dayton Valley Conservation District who did receive money from CTWCD last month but are

requesting additional funding as there is a lot of snags still in the Carson River. Both entities are trying to get additional funding from the State Clearing and Snagging Funding. The problem with the State Funding is by the time it would go thru it would not help with this year.

Ms. Williams stated that last month the Board authorized \$21,700 for debris removal however there are a couple of huge trees that need to be removed and she is requesting an additional \$3,300 for that.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to authorize Ms. Williams to spend an additional \$3,300 on debris removal for the Truckee River out of the “Projects to be Determined” Fund; seconded by Director Dennis; motion carried.

Director Schank asked Ms. Williams and Mr. Penrose what the District could and should the District do and the cost of fixing Riverside Dr. in this year’s budget cycle? Mr. Penrose said he had no idea that it would need to be evaluated and a lot of the burden rests with the City. His belief is that a collaborative plan with the city needs to be put together with all parties contributing. Ms. Williams advised that there is approximately 2000 square feet along Riverside Dr. that needs some type of interim risk reduction measures that needs to be addressed.

Director Westergard stated he felt there was fair discussion as far as the distribution of the money to the Conservation Districts for the Clearing and Snagging. We have to keep in mind that most of the money the District gets is from Washoe County and keeping a reserve in case other projects come up.

Director Roberts feels that the money left in the “Projects to be Determined” account either be reassigned to another account of given to the requesting conservation districts for clearing and snagging. Director Schank said he does not believe the money needs to be reassigned but kept as projects to be determined and possible used for future projects such as the Riverside Dr. Project.

- ❖ Director Dennis made a motion to give \$2,500 to both the Carson Valley Conservation District and Dayton Valley Conservation District for Clearing and Snagging limited to use on manpower only; seconded by Director Baggett; Director Westergard voted no; motion carried.

12. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams

A complete copy of the Engineer’s Report is available at the District Offices or on the CTWCD website.

13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Mr. Bergin reviewed and approved both the letters and the contract with the City of Reno.

14. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report

15. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

16. BOARD COMMENTS and/or REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –

- Director Dennis – This completes the amount of money he feels should be spent on Clearing and Snagging for this year.
- Director Roberts – This District should get involved with putting pressure on the legislature for Clearing and Snagging. Director Schank stated that this District did send a letter signed by President Westergard and that Superintendent Penrose testified regarding this matter.

- Director James – Flood Awareness Campaign kicks off November 1, 2015.

Future Agenda item requests:

17. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Capurro, seconded said motion, motion carried.

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer